

When working on the Whyalla Steelworks site it is a mandatory requirement to comply with environmental legislation and specific conditions in Licences and Approvals. Significant penalties for the individual or the organisation can apply for any breaches

What is our individual responsibility?

In the area of pollution & waste, the primary responsibility of individuals & organisation's is set out in the 'General Environmental Duty' in section 25 of the Environment Protection Act 1993, which states that:

"A person must not undertake an activity that pollutes, or might pollute, the environment unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise any resulting environmental harm"

Environmental Authorisation - Licence

The Whyalla Steelworks (including manufacturing, pelletising & port) operate under an **Environment Authorisation (Licence)** approved by our regulators the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

- Our Licence contains specific conditions which we must adhere to
- To check compliance to approvals, Whyalla Steelworks and SIMEC undertake several monitoring programs, such as:
 - emissions to air & the marine environment
 - groundwater & site contamination management
 - vegetation impact
 - process monitoring
 - waste management
 - soil management monitoring



Core Environment Rules –

- The Core Environment Rules are critical rules to prevent harm to the environment and to maintain compliance to legislation
- All employees & contractors must comply with these Environment Rules

1	Waste must be disposed according to the approved waste management practices in WI 50.403.
2	All activities with potential for dust generation must have reasonable and practical dust controls in place.
3	No substance can be discharged to drain, ground, groundwater, or the marine environment unless in accordance with SIMEC / Liberty Primary Steel's environmental licences or approvals.
4	All environmental incidents that cause or have the potential to cause environmental harm must be reported in accordance with the requirements of QP29.06.
5	Pollution control equipment must be operated at all times during an activity, unless regulatory notifications have taken place and approvals obtained.
6	It is not permitted to clear or destroy vegetation, unless as part of an approved clearance permit (QP50.65) arranged by the Environment Department.

Breaches of our Licence & the Environment Protection Act

Breaching a condition of our Environmental Authorisation (Licence) or environmental legislation can result in environmental harm or regulatory action taken by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) leading to a significant fine for either or both the organisation and the responsible individual.

Under the Environment Protection Act the maximum fine for:

Environmental Nuisance is \$30,000 for an individual - \$120,000 for an organisation (*Environmental Nuisance- any adverse effect on the amenity value of an area or any unsightly or offensive condition caused by pollution*)

Serious Environmental Harm is \$500,000 for an individual - \$2,000,000 for an organisation (*Serious Environmental Harm- actual or potential harm that is of a high impact or on a wide scale*)